

BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
APRIL 28, 2004

BOARD: Board of Licensure of Foresters

DATE: April 28, 2004

ROOM: Androscoggin Room

LOCATION: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation

TIME SCHEDULED:	8:30 A.M.	TIME CALLED TO ORDER:	8:43 A.M.	ADJOURN:	12:42 P.M.
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CHAIR: William Ostrofsky

VICE-CHAIR: Sumner A. Jones, Jr.

BOARD CLERK: Susan Greenlaw

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Ostrofsky, Stephen Holt, Hon. Sumner A. Jones Jr., Rene Noel, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Redelsheimer

OTHERS PRESENT: Deborah Fales, Board Clerk; Carol Leighton, Administrator; Robert Perkins, Assistant Attorney General

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:43 a.m.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

Action on minutes of January 28, 2004 meeting

A motion was made by Sumner Jones and seconded by Stephen Holt to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2004 meeting as written. Unanimous.

Exam Database/Software Update

William Ostrofsky and Carol Redelsheimer continue contact with SAF. More information should be available at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator's Report

Legislation:

- Amendment to the budget bill to transfer \$1,500,000 from OLR to the Public Utilities Commission to pay for a 911 initiative – defeated in Senate. Other proposed amendments are expected.
- A bill has been signed into law giving boards the authority to defer or waive continuing education requirements for members of the National Guard or Reserves who are called up for active duty for more than 30 days.
- Liquidation harvesting rules – report from Forest Service – anticipation of enhanced responsibilities of the Board – no new information at this time.

Rule Making:

- Amendment to Chapter 80 Section 5 – Discussion and Schedule Public Hearing Date: This change speaks specifically to the removal of the age limit portion. A motion was made by William Ostrofsky and seconded by Stephen Holt to not pursue an amendment at this time. Unanimous.

Commissioner Murray is leaving the Department some time in June.

Complaint Officer's Report

#FO-038: A motion was made by Stephen Holt and seconded by William Ostrofsky to schedule an adjudicatory hearing. Holt and Ostrofsky voted in the affirmative; Jones opposed; Noel abstained. Motion carried.

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A motion by William Ostrofsky and seconded by Stephen Holt to offer a Consent Agreement to include: (1) Letter of Warning; and (2) \$250 fine. Holt, Jones, and Ostrofsky voted in the affirmative; Noel abstained. Motion carried.

Action on March 29, 2004 Exam Results

Ten individuals sat for the exam. Six individuals received passing scores and four individuals received failing scores. A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by Sumner Jones to accept the exam scores as presented. Unanimous.

Review and Action on Applications

APPLICANT	TYPE	HOW QUALIFYING	OTHER INFO.	ACTION
Jason W. Castonguay	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forestry Operations Science – UM Minor – Forest Products	Application received 03/24/04	Approved for 24 month internship effective 03/24/04. Motion: Noel Second: Jones Unanimous. Sponsor – Norman Pelletier
Shane P. Duigan	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Natural Resources – UM MS Forestry – Yale	Application received 04/16/03	Approved for 24 month internship effective 04/16/04. Motion: Jones Second: Holt Unanimous. Sponsor – Mark Rabon
Brian Reader	Intern Forester – 48 months	Associate Degree in Applied Science – UNH	Incomplete application received 3/11/04; application completed on 4/15/04	48 month internship effective 4/15/04. Motion: Ostrofsky Second: Noel Unanimous. Sponsor – John A. Wadsworth
DEGREE CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR LICENSURE UNDER EXTENDED 2002 TRANSITION PROVISIONS				
Christopher Bickford	Forester	Application rec'd 3/15/02. Requested a waiver of internship; no sponsor listed. Because of Legislation enacted extending 2002 transition provisions for degree candidates, application was reviewed in May 03; Board approved 12 months experience; needed 12 months more starting 3/15/02. Could not enter record on licensing system because name of sponsor was not provided. Rec' email on 1/29/04 stating that Greg Foster would be sponsor for the next two months. Second email on 3/3/04 stated that Dave Maass had been his sponsor from 3/15/02 to 1/03 2003. On 3/4/04 rec'd fax including an Internship Experience form signed by both Mr. Bickford and David Maass. 3/29/04 – rec'd current Intern Forester application.		Approved for internship effective 3/29/04. Experience gained after the date of letter (get date from the letter) will be considered experience gained as an intern forester even though a license was not issued by the Department but represented that he was licensed. Motion: Ostrofsky Second: Holt Unanimous. Sponsor – Greg Foster
NO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING				
Luc Fortin	Forester	Board approved 18 months experience; needed 6 months more starting 12/11/01.	Currently an Intern Forester (expires 12/31/04)	No action necessary at this time.

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Review and Action on Continuing Education

NAME OF PROGRAM	SPONSOR	DATES	HOURS APPROVED/CATEGORY	BOARD ACTION
Integrating Timber Management & Biodiversity: A Multi-Species Approach – A Workshop for Landowners, Foresters, Loggers	Maine Audubon/SWOAM/MFS	Series	3.5 – Category I	Approved. Motion: Holt Second: Jones Unanimous.
Maine Division SAF 2004 Spring Meeting	SAF	May 27-28, 2004	5 – Category I	Approved. Motion: Holt Second: Jones Unanimous.
National Meeting	New England Regional Council on Forest Engineering	September 7-10, 2003	2.75 – Category I General Session 1.25 – Category II - A 1.25 – Category I - B 1.5 – Category II - C 1.5 – Category I - D 1.5 – Category I – E 1.5 – Category I – F 1.5 – Category I – General Session 3.5 – Category I – G,H,I	Approved. Motion: Holt Second: Jones Unanimous.
Managing for Fiber Production, Wildlife Habitat, and Biodiversity: Latest Results from CFRU Research	Irving Woodlands LLC	May 12, 2004	6.5 – Category I	Approved. Motion: Holt Second: Jones Unanimous.
2 nd Northeastern Forestry/Agroforestry Conference	Time & Tide Resource Conservation and Development	June 25-26	5 – Category I	Approved. Motion: Holt Second: Jones Unanimous.

Correspondence

Letter from Christopher C. Bickford: Mr. Bickford submitted a letter requesting the Board's consideration of his licensing according to the requirements under the extended 2002 transition provisions. See table for Board's decision.

Letter from Tim Scott: Ostrofsky to draft letter indicating that the Board upholds its previous decision.

Letter from A. Allen Murphy questioning the Board's decision to grant category 2 credits for a NER-COFE meeting: Wiliam Ostrofsky to draft letter indicating that the Board upholds it's previous decision.

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Interview with Thomas R. Trowbridge – Applicant by Reciprocity from Connecticut

According to the reciprocity agreement between Maine and Connecticut, Mr. Trowbridge appeared personally before the Board to receive information concerning Maine laws affecting forest practice in Maine. Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by Sumner Jones to approve Mr. Trowbridge for licensure by reciprocity pending receipt of the appropriate application and fee. Unanimous.

Sandy Brawders, Master Loggers Program re: Continuing Education

Was not able to attend today. Will be invited to the August 25 meeting.

Next Meeting Scheduled for August 25, 2004

OTHER BUSINESS

October 25, 2004 Exam:

Proctor: Ostrofsky
Grader: Holt

ADJOURN

Being no further board business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Greenlaw, Board Clerk